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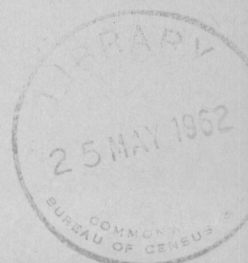
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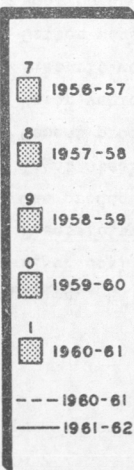
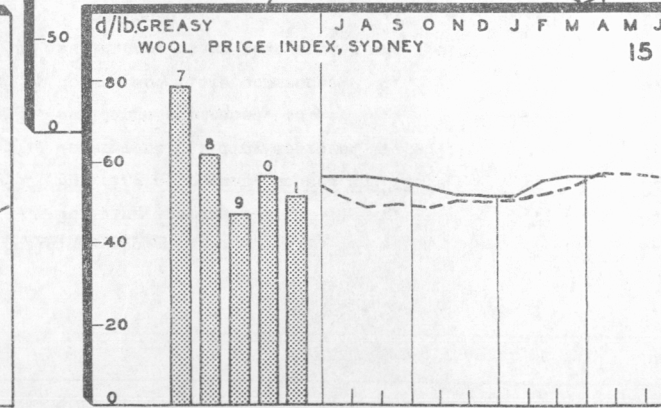
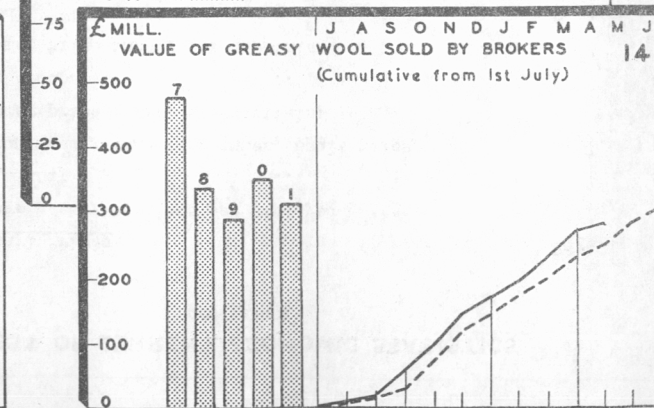
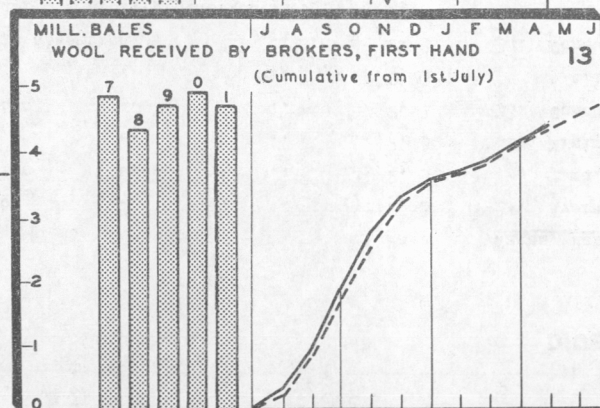
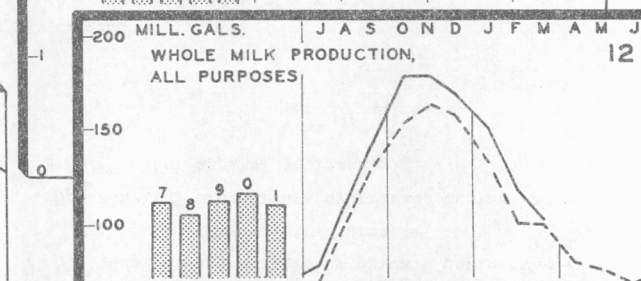
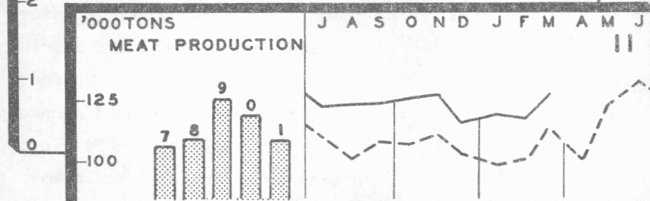
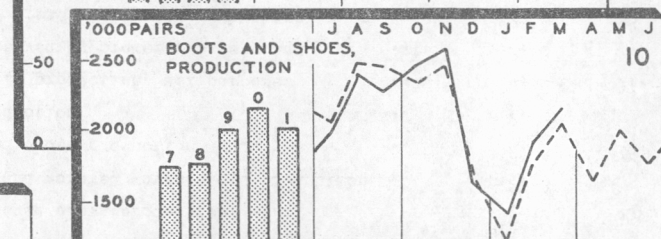
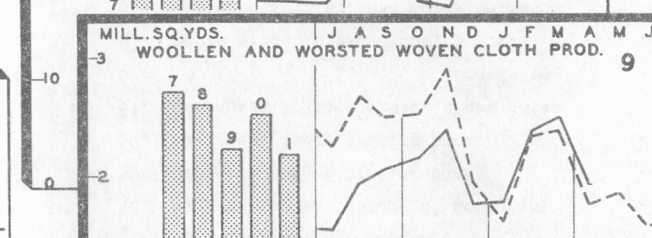
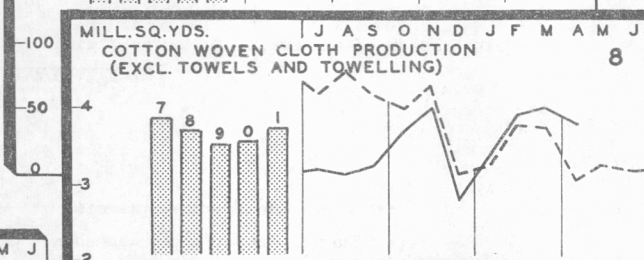
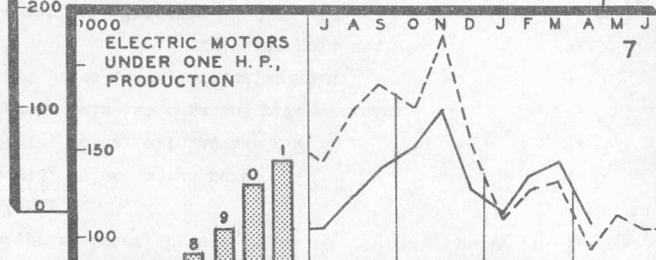
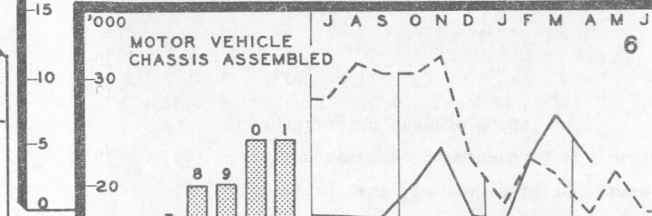
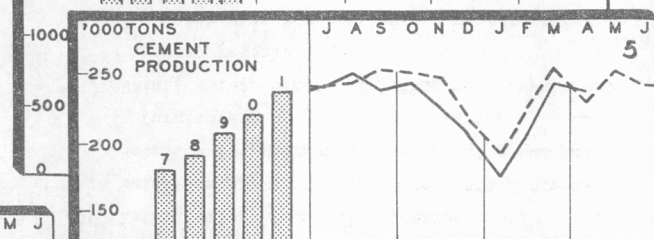
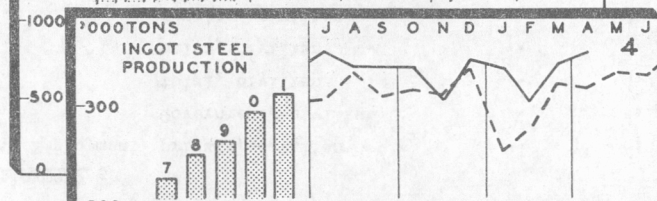
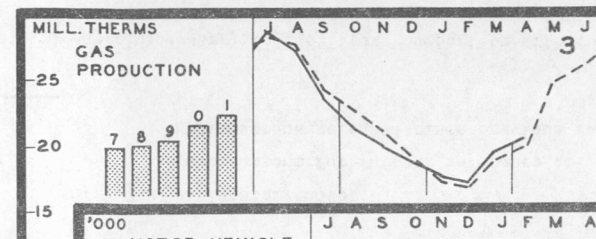
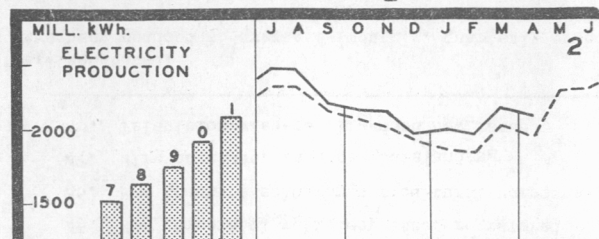
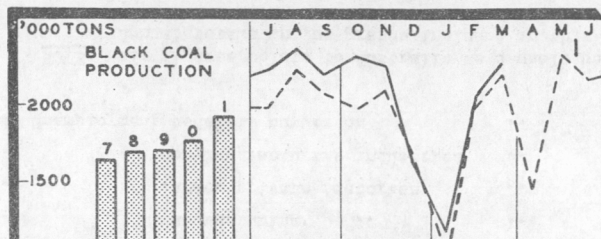
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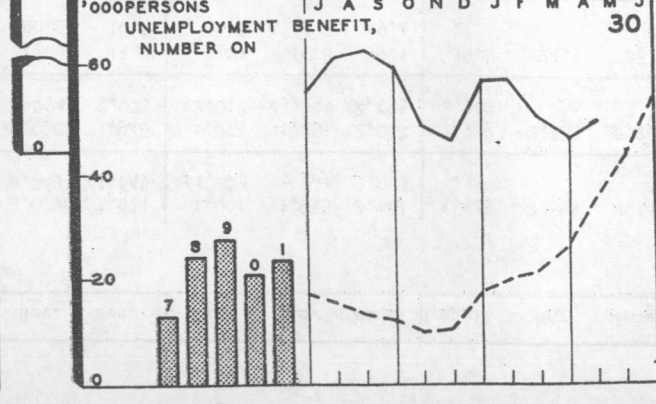
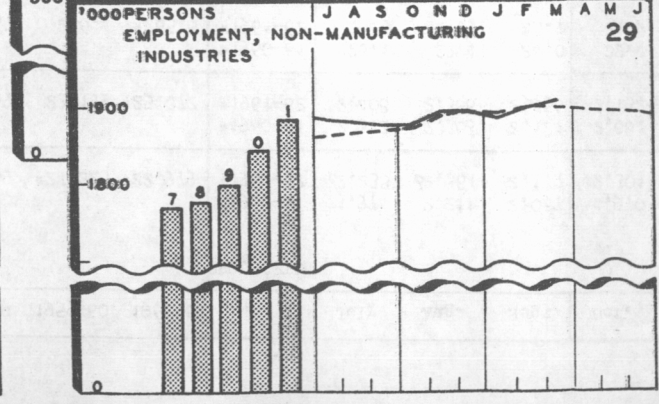
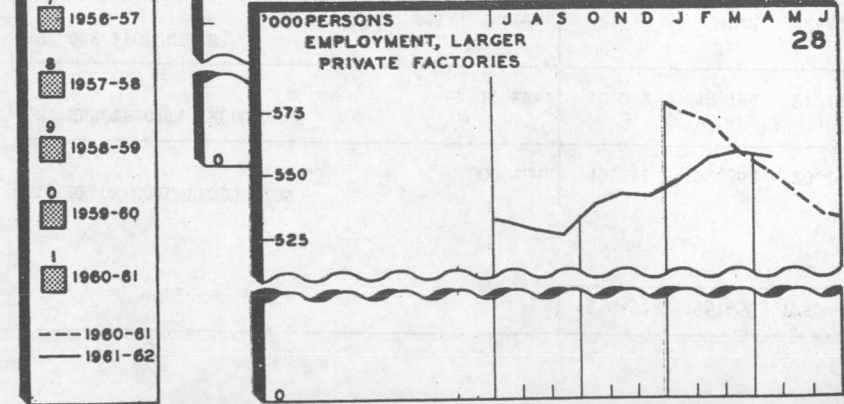
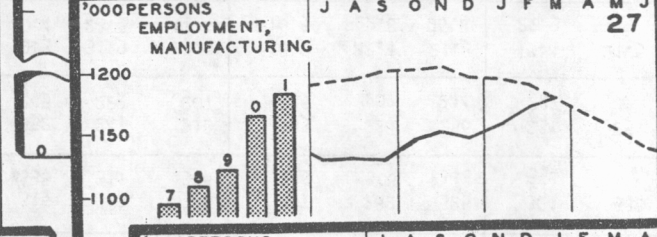
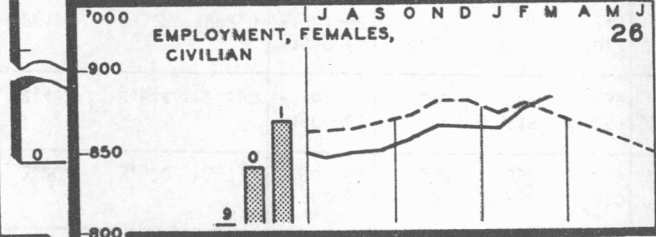
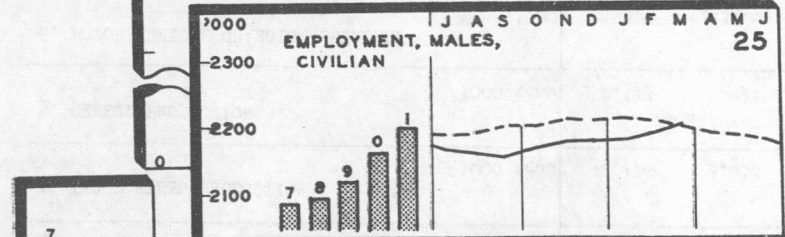
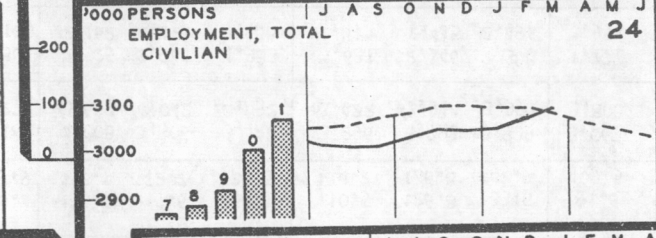
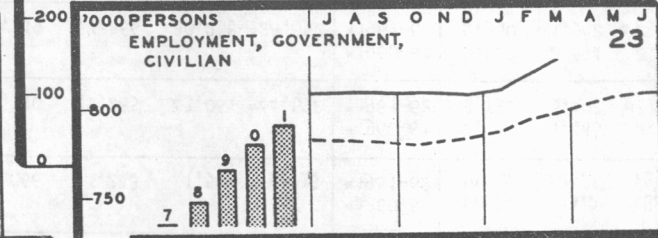
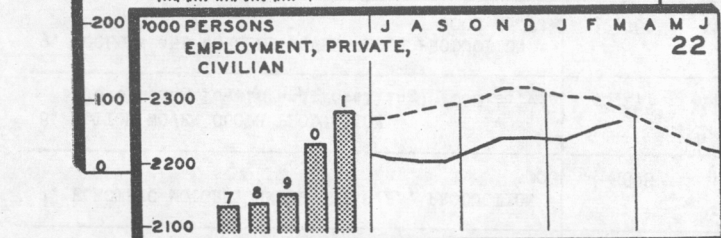
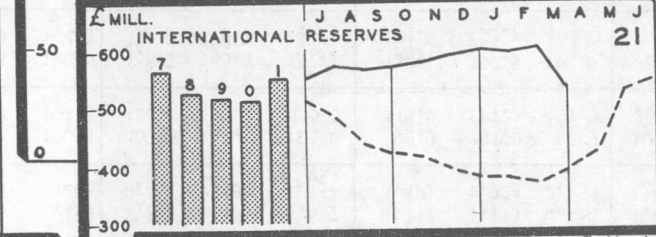
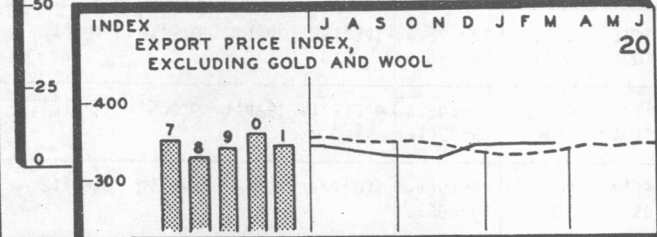
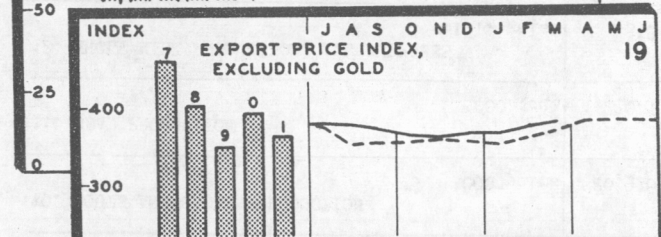
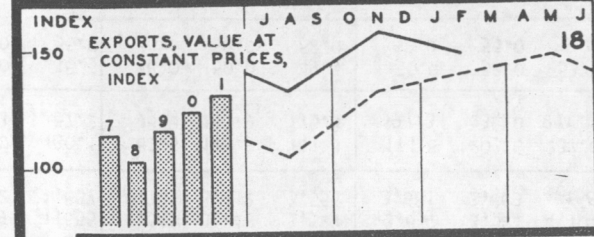
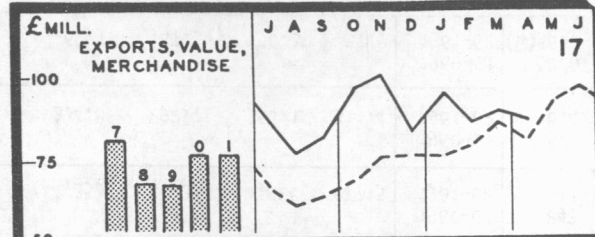
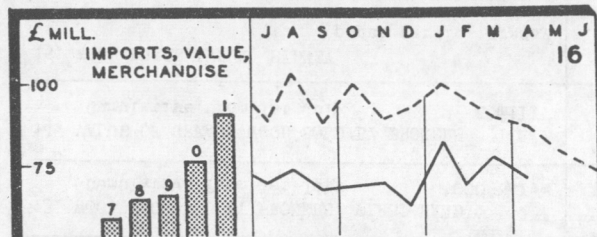


		1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61		July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June
PRODUCTION																			
1. BLACK COAL PRODUCTION	'000 tons	19,711	20,362	20,459	*21,223	*22,979	*1960-61 *1961-62	1,974 2,238	2,211 2,384	2,057 2,177	1,970 2,301	2,079 2,269	1,674 1,645	1,001 1,203	1,953 2,058	2,184 2,253	1,437	2,291	2,148
2. ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION	mill. kWh.	18,289	19,796	21,199	23,199	*25,072	*1960-61 *1961-62	2,312 2,408	2,303 2,388	2,121 2,156	2,081 2,132	2,030 2,094	1,946 2,002	1,873 2,018	1,859 1,986	2,048 2,195	1,949 2,102	2,285	2,266
3. GAS PRODUCTION	mill. therms	236.8	240.4	244.7	256.4	*265.8	*1960-61 *1961-62	28.1 28.5	27.4 27.3	24.0 23.7	22.4 21.2	21.0 20.0	19.2 18.8	17.1 17.7	16.8 17.2	19.1 19.4	19.8 20.3	24.9	25.9
4. INGOT STEEL PRODUCTION	'000 tons	2,774	3,038	3,204	3,520	*3,737	*1960-61 *1961-62	309 352	332 338	310 339	315 338	313 311	336 348	257 339	282 308	325 346	321 354	332	331
5. CEMENT PRODUCTION	'000 tons	2,173	2,291	2,481	2,644	*2,860	*1960-61 *1961-62	243 242	245 249	253 239	252 245	247 229	218 207	193 175	228 207	256 244	231 237	251	243
6. MOTOR VEHICLE CHASSIS ASSEMBLED	'000	193.9	239.6	241.0	293.2	*292.8	*1960-61 *1961-62	28.0 17.4	31.0 17.4	30.3 17.3	30.3 20.4	31.9 23.5	23.0 17.4	18.2 16.5	22.4 22.8	21.3 26.4	17.4 22.3	21.5	17.5
7. ELECTRIC MOTORS, UNDER ONE H.P., PRODUCTION	'000	898	1,066	1,248	1,549	*1,738	*1960-61 *1961-62	144.9 105.6	173.2 125.1	188.4 139.9	175.7 152.1	217.6 172.7	158.1 128.5	110.5 114.2	126.8 136.8	133.5 142.9	91.6 109.5	113.7	104.2
8. COTTON WOVEN CLOTH PRODUCTION (excluding Towels and Towelling)	'000 sq.yds.	46,277	44,340	42,265	43,061	*44,572	*1960-61 *1961-62	4,191 3,196	4,443 3,102	4,163 3,274	4,008 3,699	4,306 4,042	3,118 2,892	3,296 3,422	3,793 3,914	3,739 3,997	3,069 3,808	3,270	3,176
9. WOOLLEN AND WORSTED WOVEN CLOTH PRODUCTION	'000 sq.yds.	32,782	31,719	27,266	30,235	*26,552	*1960-61 *1961-62	2,283 1,560	2,674 1,982	2,501 2,105	2,525 2,162	2,944 2,423	1,983 1,788	1,637 1,811	2,346 2,435	2,388 2,496	1,777 1,951	1,883	1,612
10. BOOTS AND SHOES PRODUCTION	'000 pairs	20,938	21,395	24,054	25,626	*24,035	*1960-61 *1961-62	2,079 1,993	2,501 2,395	2,450 2,282	2,344 2,491	2,469 2,590	1,677 1,637	1,219 1,405	1,791 1,923	2,068 2,151	1,658	1,995	1,784
11. MEAT PRODUCTION	'000 tons	1,270.1	1,314.5	1,500.6	1,425.7	*1,313.6	*1960-61 *1961-62	110.5 121.3	101.4 121.8	108.1 122.5	107.5 126.8	110.7 128.1	103.8 115.5	99.3 118.8	101.6 117.2	112.9 127.7	101.5	123.9	132.4
12. WHOLE MILK PRODUCTION, ALL PURPOSES	mill. gals.	1,358	1,264	1,370	1,407	*1,341	*1960-61 *1961-62	69.5 79.3	100.5 110.0	128.8 144.3	155.7 179.0	163.2 178.7	157.9 169.7	134.1 151.6	102.5 118.7	102.6 104.0	79.9	76.2	69.8
13. WOOL RECEIVED BY BROKERS, FIRST HAND Cumulative from 1st July	'000 bales	4,867	4,353	4,735	4,926	4,715	1960-61 1961-62	247 311	849 912	1,655 1,837	2,547 2,741	3,245 3,312	3,529 3,555	3,657 3,681	3,821 3,863	4,101 4,156	4,316 4,418	4,559	4,715
14. VALUE OF GREASY WOOL SOLD BY BROKERS Cumulative from 1st July	£ mill.	478.0	334.8	292.7	356.1	311.4	1960-61 1961-62	5.7 8.4	18.0 20.3	30.1 57.2	82.5 98.8	123.5 143.9	147.8 173.8	174.8 197.3	203.6 234.0	237.0 271.7	247.7 281.1	286.9	311.4
15. WOOL PRICE INDEX, SYDNEY pence per lb. greasy		77.9	62.1	47.5	56.3	51.5	1960-61 1961-62	52.0 (a)56.0	48.0 56.0	48.5 55.0	48.0 53.0	50.0 52.0	49.5 52.0	50.0 52.0	52.0 55.0	53.0 56.0	57.0 *56.0	57.0	56.0

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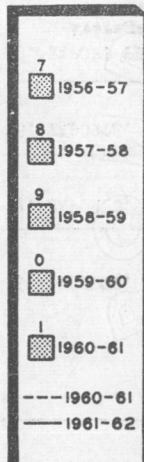
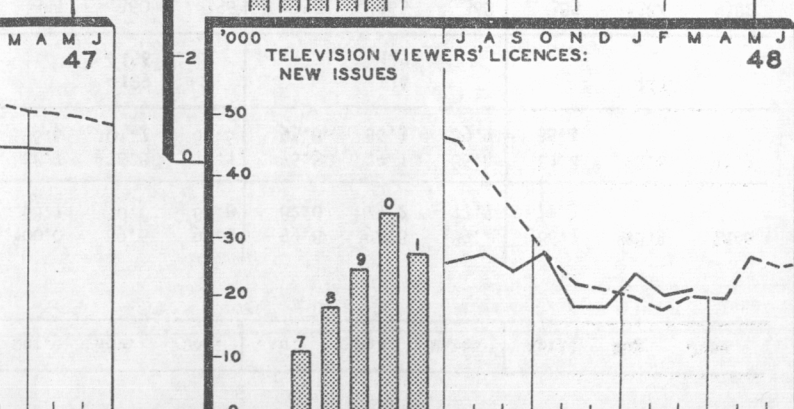
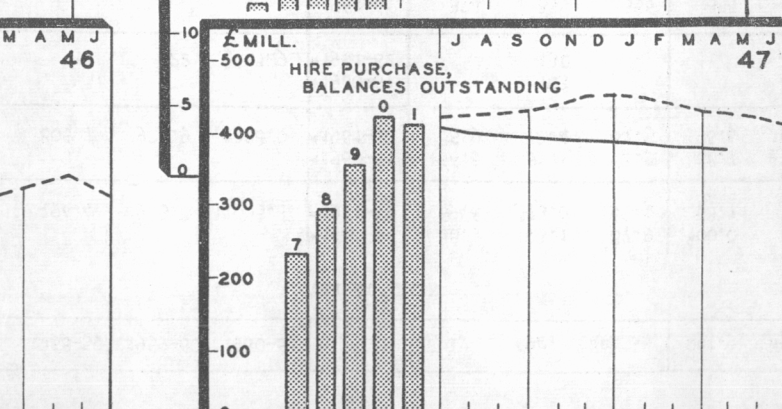
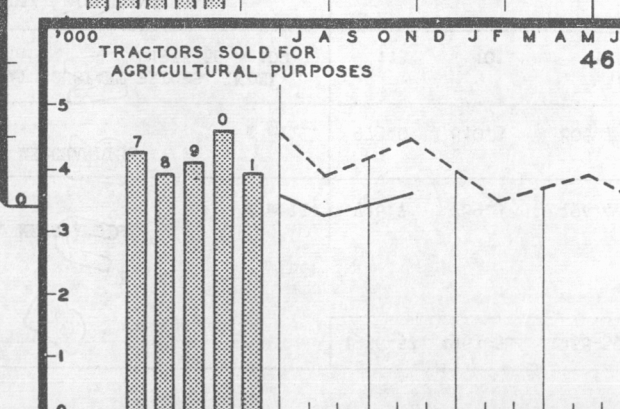
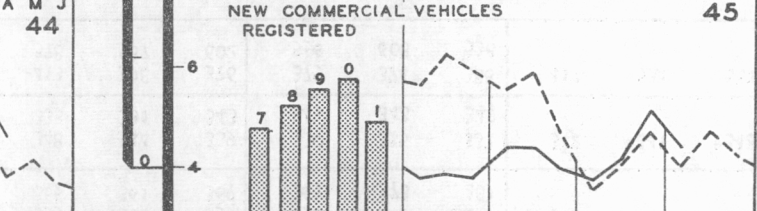
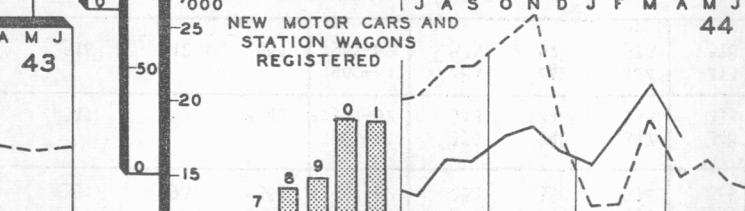
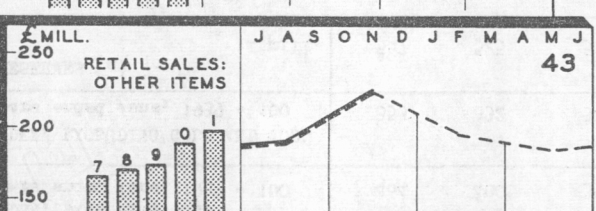
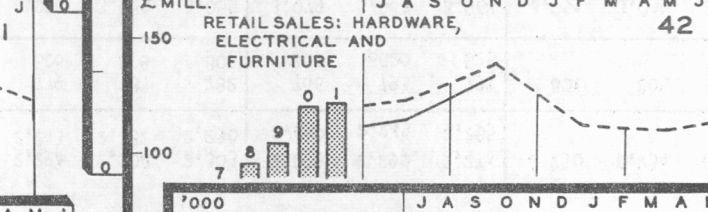
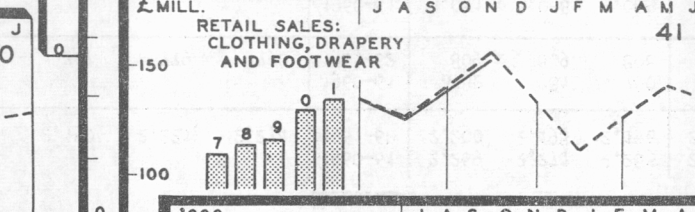
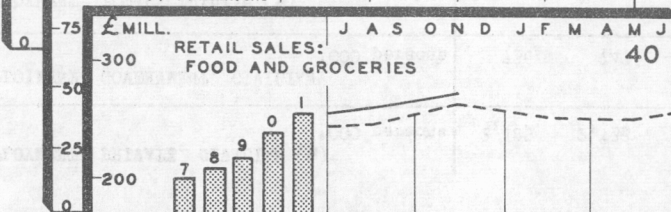
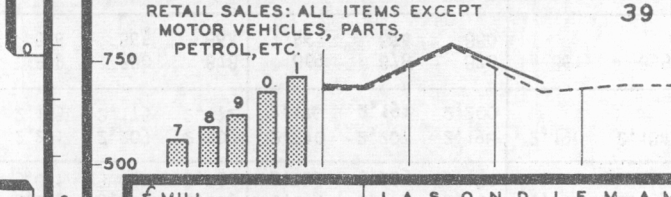
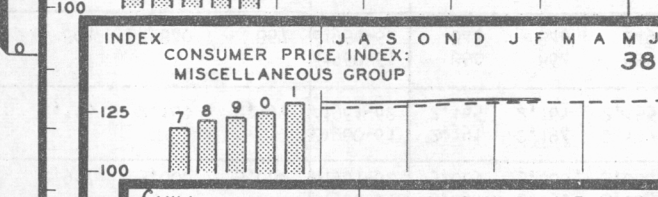
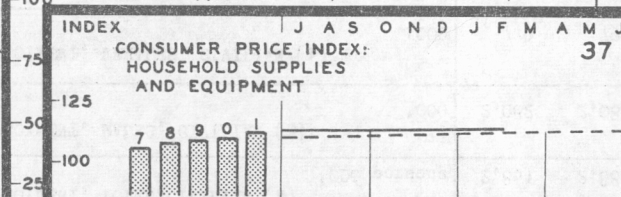
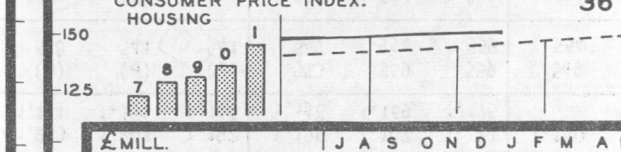
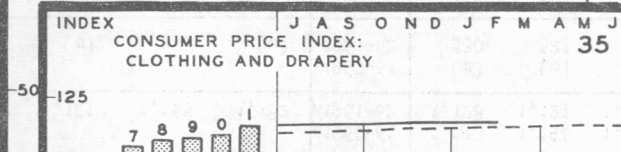
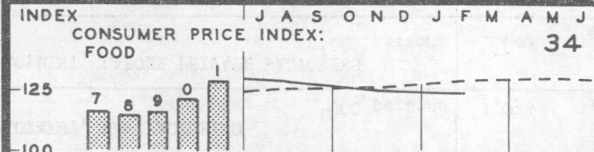
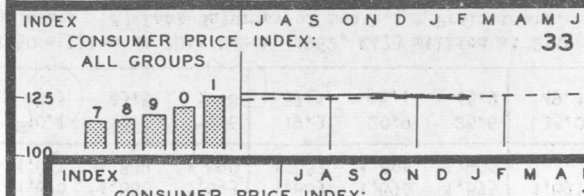
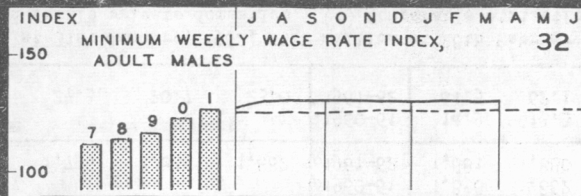
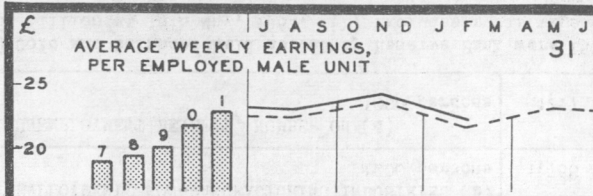
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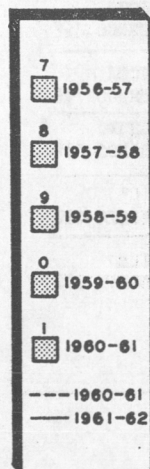
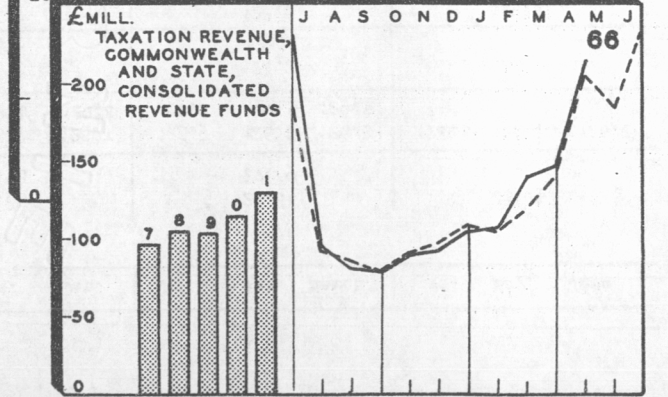
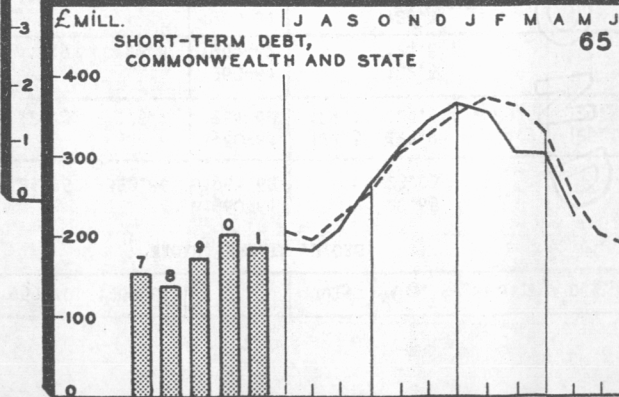
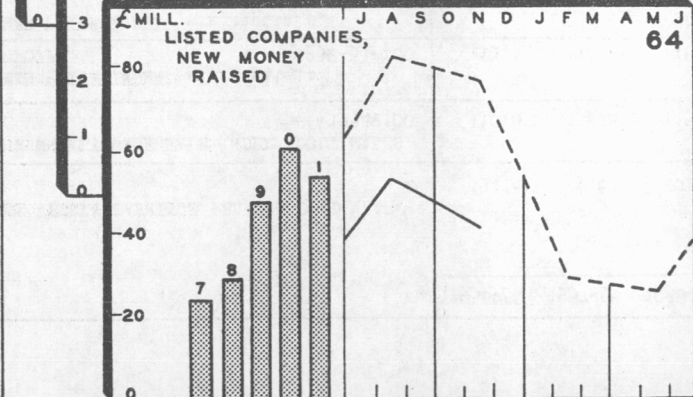
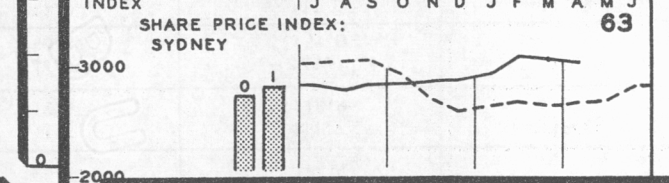
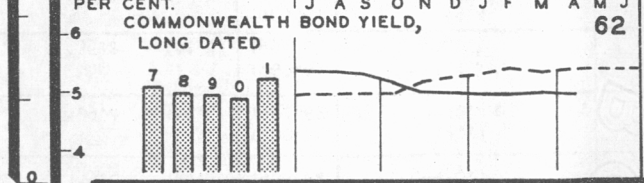
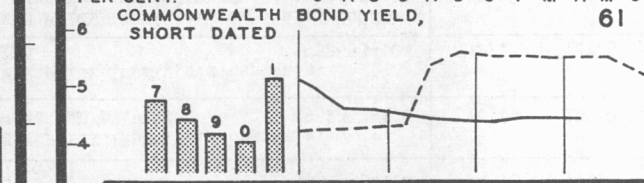
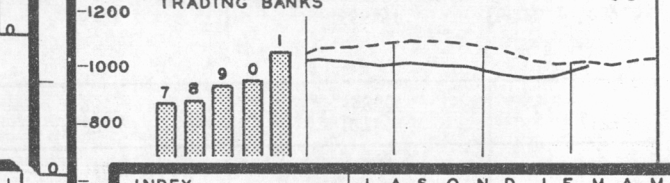
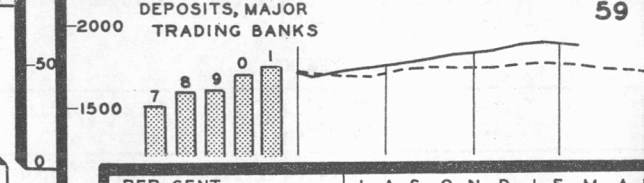
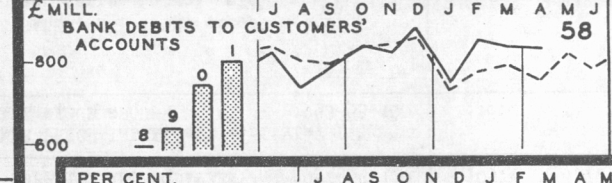
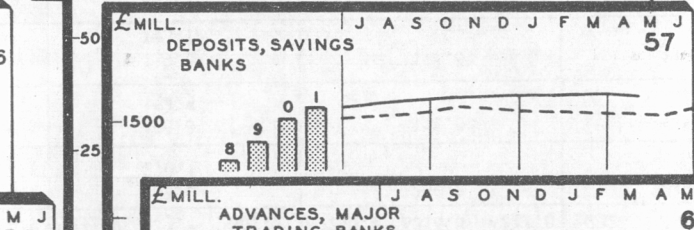
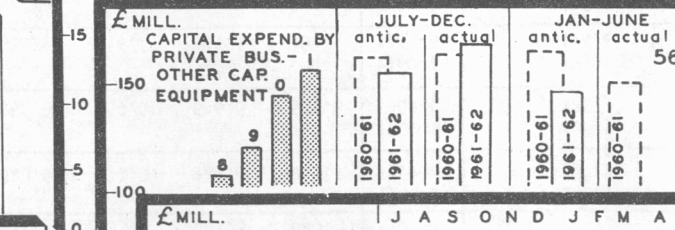
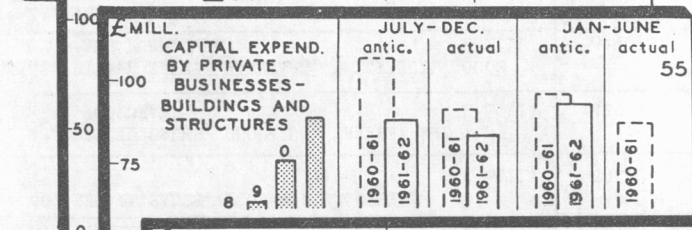
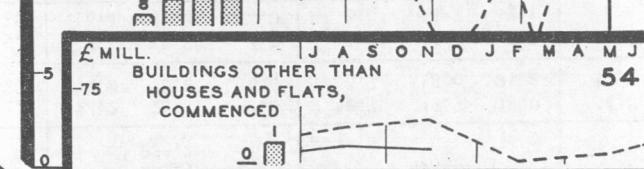
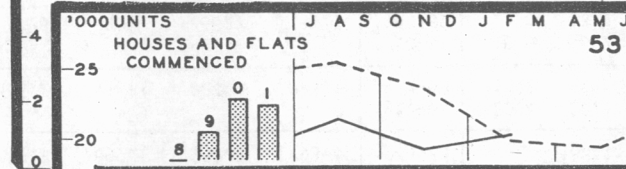
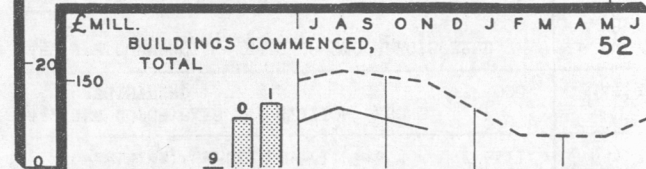
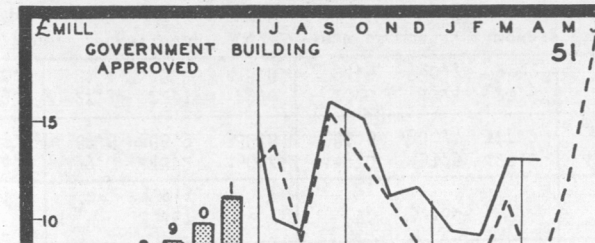
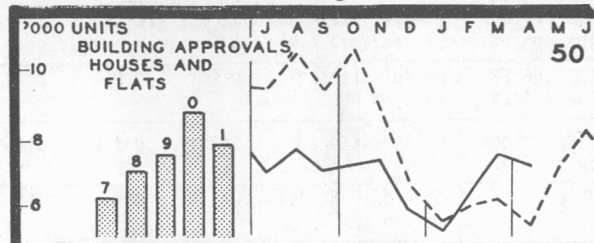
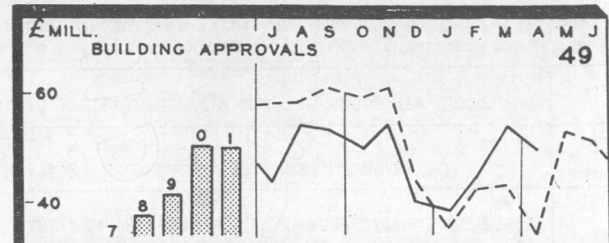
		1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61		July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June
OVERSEA TRADE																			
16. IMPORTS, VALUE, MERCHANDISE	£ mill.	716.7	789.3	794.4	923.8	*1,085.3	*1960-61 *1961-62	88.9 69.8	103.1 73.0	87.9 67.2	100.0 68.7	89.6 70.0	91.6 61.8	99.8 82.0	94.8 69.2	89.4 77.7	86.7 71.3	78.9	74.6
17. EXPORTS, VALUE, MERCHANDISE	£ mill.	973.0	810.3	806.7	925.9	*928.0	*1960-61 *1961-62	66.5 85.9	61.1 77.4	64.5 81.5	68.7 96.6	76.8 101.7	77.1 83.6	76.5 95.8	79.1 86.3	86.4 89.7	81.4 86.4	92.6	97.3
18. EXPORTS, VALUE AT CONSTANT PRICES, INDEX 1955-56 = 100		113	101	115	122	129	1960-61 1961-62		103 130			129 156			136 147			147	
19. EXPORT PRICE INDEX, EXCLUDING GOLD Average, 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100		464	400	351	393	*366	1960-61 1961-62	374 382	355 380	356 374	355 366	360 361	356 367	353 367	363 378	368 381	385	*384	*382
20. EXPORT PRICE INDEX, EXCLUDING GOLD AND WOOL Average, 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100		353	332	341	363	*343	1960-61 1961-62	356 343	348 340	347 335	348 333	344 331	339 343	330 343	335 343	337 342	342	*341	*343
21. INTERNATIONAL RESERVES (a)	£ mill.	567	525	516	512	551	1960-61 1961-62	483 575	442 571	424 573	413 578	398 587	376 602	375 596	374 608	388 538	417	531	551
EMPLOYMENT																			
22. EMPLOYMENT, PRIVATE, CIVILIAN (b)	'000 persons	2,125	2,133	2,150	2,221	2,274	1960-61 1961-62	2,269 2,200	2,277 2,198	2,285 2,196	2,294 2,213	2,308 2,232	2,303 2,230	2,293 2,230	2,290 2,245	2,271 2,255	2,250	2,234	2,213
23. EMPLOYMENT, GOVERNMENT, CIVILIAN	'000 persons	736	747	767	779	790	1960-61 1961-62	782 809	781 809	780 808	779 808	781 808	782 806	786 809	793 820	797 825	801	805	808
24. EMPLOYMENT, TOTAL, CIVILIAN (b)	'000 persons	2,861	2,880	2,917	3,000	3,064	1960-61 1961-62	3,051 3,009	3,058 3,008	3,065 3,004	3,073 3,021	3,089 3,040	3,085 3,036	3,079 3,039	3,083 3,065	3,068 3,080	3,051	3,039	3,021
25. EMPLOYMENT, MALES, CIVILIAN (b)	'000	2,082	2,089	2,113	2,160	2,197	1960-61 1961-62	2,191 2,165	2,194 2,161	2,197 2,155	2,201 2,165	2,209 2,175	2,207 2,172	2,210 2,176	2,207 2,191	2,198 2,200	2,190	2,184	2,173
26. EMPLOYMENT, FEMALES, CIVILIAN (b)	'000	779	791	804	840	867	1960-61 1961-62	860 844	864 846	868 849	872 856	880 865	878 864	869 863	876 874	870 880	861	855	848
27. EMPLOYMENT, MANUFACTURING	'000 persons	1,093	1,106	1,121	1,165	1,182	1960-61 1961-62	1,193 1,128	1,196 1,127	1,201 1,126	1,203 1,144	1,203 1,151	1,192 1,146	1,190 1,156	1,187 1,169	1,173 1,175	1,160	1,148	1,136
28. EMPLOYMENT, LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES	'000 persons	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	1960-61 1961-62	(a) 530	(a) 527	(a) 526	(a) 538	(a) 541	(a) 541	573 547	569 554	559 559	549 554	542	533
29. EMPLOYMENT, NON-MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES (b)	'000 persons	1,768	1,774	1,796	1,835	1,882	1960-61 1961-62	1,858 1,881	1,862 1,880	1,864 1,878	1,870 1,877	1,886 1,889	1,893 1,890	1,889 1,883	1,896 1,896	1,895 1,905	1,891	1,891	1,885
30. UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, NUMBER ON (d)	'000 persons	12.7	23.9	27.3	20.7	23.0	1960-61 1961-62	14.9 61.5	13.3 62.1	11.8 59.6	10.4 48.5	10.7 45.5	17.6 56.8	19.3 57.1	20.9 50.1	25.6 45.9	35.0 49.1	42.7	54.3

(a) Gold and balances held abroad by Reserve Bank were £508 million at 31st January, 1962, £522 million at 28th February, 1962, £450 million at 28th March, 1962, £473 million at 25th April, 1962, and £483 million at 16th May, 1962. (b) Excludes rural wage earners and female private domestics. (c) Comparable statistics not available. (d) Last Saturday of month. * Preliminary. p Revised.



	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61		July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June
WAGES, RETAIL PRICES																		
31. AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT	£	19.16	19.67	20.19	21.76	22.86	1960-61 1961-62	22.65 23.03			23.85 24.33		21.81 22.49				23.15	
32. MINIMUM WEEKLY WAGE RATE INDEX, ADULT MALES (a)	1954=100	110.8	112.8	115.3	121.3	125.7	1960-61 1961-62	124.5 129.1	124.9 129.5	124.9 129.5	125.1 129.5	125.7 129.4	125.7 129.4	125.9 129.6	126.2 129.5	126.3 129.5	126.3 126.7	126.7 126.7
33. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, ALL GROUPS	1952-53=100	113.1	114.2	116.0	118.9	123.8	1960-61 1961-62	122.5 124.8			123.3 124.3		124.2 124.1				125.0	
34. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, FOOD	1952-53=100	115.3	113.3	115.4	119.8	127.7	1960-61 1961-62	126.0 128.1			126.7 125.3		128.6 124.7				129.4	
35. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, CLOTHING AND DRAPERY	1952-53=100	103.9	107.0	108.2	109.4	111.6	1960-61 1961-62	110.7 112.4			111.5 112.9		111.7 112.9				112.4	
36. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, HOUSING	1952-53=100	122.1	127.3	130.6	135.2	144.8	1960-61 1961-62	141.4 148.5			144.1 150.5		145.7 151.0				148.0	
37. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT	1952-53=100	105.8	107.5	108.7	109.8	111.2	1960-61 1961-62	110.6 112.6			111.0 112.7		111.3 112.7				111.9	
38. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, MISCELLANEOUS GROUP	1952-53=100	118.0	119.7	121.2	123.9	127.3	1960-61 1961-62	126.7 127.9			127.2 128.3		127.5 128.0				127.7	
INTERNAL TRADE																		
39. RETAIL SALES, ALL ITEMS except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.	£ mill.	2,247.8	2,342.2	2,453.5	2,691.5	2,821.4	1960-61 1961-62	685.0 224.6	227.3	232.9	233.9	784.1 243.4	307.0	230.9	666.7 216.8	233.0	(b) 220.2 232.3	239.0 226.4
40. RETAIL SALES, FOOD AND GROCERIES	£ mill.	796.8	823.6	870.0	941.1	1,010.1	1960-61 1961-62	246.1 257.2			264.0 270.1		250.2				249.8	
41. RETAIL SALES, CLOTHING, DRAPERY AND FOOTWEAR	£ mill.	440.1	451.0	469.6	516.8	538.3	1960-61 1961-62	128.5 126.9			156.8 154.5		112.0				141.0	
42. RETAIL SALES, HARDWARE, ELECTRICAL GOODS AND FURNITURE	£ mill.	349.7	380.4	416.8	481.3	484.9	1960-61 1961-62	123.1 114.6			139.3 133.7		111.8				110.7	
43. RETAIL SALES, OTHER (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.)	£ mill.	661.2	687.2	697.1	752.3	793.4	1960-61 1961-62	188.1 188.7			225.1 225.7		194.2				186.0	
44. NEW MOTOR CARS AND STATION WAGONS REGISTERED	'000	147.3	166.2	176.3	224.1	223.1	1960-61 1961-62	20.4 13.6	22.5 16.1	22.4 15.7	24.2 17.8	26.1 18.4	17.6 16.6	12.7 15.7	12.9 18.0	19.0 21.2	14.8 17.7	16.3 14.2
45. NEW COMMERCIAL VEHICLES, ETC., REGISTERED (c)	'000	58.0	61.8	66.3	68.9	59.0	1960-61 1961-62	5.6 3.8	6.2 3.9	5.8 3.8	5.5 4.4	5.8 4.4	4.7 4.0	3.6 3.8	4.1 4.2	4.7 5.1	4.1 4.4	4.7 4.2
46. NEW TRACTORS SOLD FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES	No.	16,982	15,726	16,342	18,425	15,719	1960-61 1961-62	3,870 3,268			4,467 3,613		3,466				3,916	
47. HIRE PURCHASE, BALANCES OUTSTANDING (d)	£ mill.	236.5	296.7	354.8	422.0	407.6	1960-61 1961-62	424.9 400.4	428.2 395.8	434.1 391.9	439.0 389.6	448.2 388.9	450.4 388.8	449.0 384.6	437.5 380.7	427.6 377.0	423.2 375.0	416.6 407.6
48. TELEVISION VIEWERS' LICENCES, NEW ISSUES	'000	73.9	224.1	300.0	403.8	323.2	1960-61 1961-62	45.7 25.9	40.0 27.4	33.8 24.5	27.3 27.4	22.7 18.8	22.0 18.8	20.0 24.5	18.4 20.7	20.5 22.2	20.1 27.2	25.5

(a) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (b) Monthly series from April, 1961. (c) Commercial vehicles include utilities, vans, trucks, etc. (d) At end of month. Amounts financed in new agreements made were: December, 1961 £18.6 million, January, 1962, £17.9 million and February, 1962, £17.1 million. * Preliminary. † Revised.



	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61		July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June
BUILDING, ETC.																		
49. BUILDING APPROVALS £ mill.	394.1	445.7	495.8	603.7	602.1	1960-61 1961-62	58.9 43.7	59.1 54.4	61.3 53.2	59.5 49.7	61.3 54.2	44.2 40.0	34.6 38.6	41.4 44.8	43.6 54.2	33.2 49.5	53.1	51.9
50. BUILDING APPROVALS, HOUSES AND FLATS '000 units	75.7	84.3	90.0	103.8	93.6	1960-61 1961-62	9.4 7.0	10.4 7.7	9.4 7.0	10.6 7.2	8.7 7.4	6.6 5.9	5.6 5.4	6.0 6.5	6.3 7.5	5.4 7.2	7.2	8.1
51. GOVERNMENT BUILDING APPROVED £ mill.	83.3	95.6	103.9	115.8	133.9	1960-61 1961-62	13.6 9.9	8.6 9.2	15.3 16.1	13.0 15.1	11.0 11.1	8.7 11.4	5.7 9.3	9.5 9.1	10.9 13.1	6.4 13.1	11.8	19.4
52. BUILDINGS COMMENCED, TOTAL £ mill.	359.6	380.5	432.4	523.9	552.0	1960-61 1961-62	153.2 134.7			149.3 126.6			125.2			124.3		
53. HOUSES AND FLATS COMMENCED '000 units	69.5	73.3	81.7	91.3	88.9	1960-61 1961-62	25.7 21.5			23.9 19.2			20.1 *20.2			19.2		
54. BUILDINGS, OTHER THAN HOUSES AND FLATS, COMMENCED £ mill.	150.2	151.4	177.6	231.3	252.8	1960-61 1961-62	67.0 62.3			68.0 61.6			57.9			59.9		
55. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE BUSINESSES Buildings and structures £ mill.	(a)	119.6	123.0	152.1	176.9	1960-61 1961-62	(106.5 anticipated) (87.7 anticipated)			90.7 actual 83.1 actual			(95.4 anticipated) (92.8 anticipated)			86.2 actual		
56. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE BUSINESSES Other capital equipment £ mill.	(a)	214.2	242.3	294.4	316.0	1960-61 1961-62	(163.2 anticipated) (157.0 anticipated)			165.2 actual 170.2 actual			(166.5 anticipated) (147.1 anticipated)			150.8 actual		
FINANCE																		
57. DEPOSITS, SAVINGS BANKS £ mill.	1,227	1,297	1,391	1,523	1,578	1960-61 1961-62	1,537 1,595	1,551 1,609	1,563 1,625	1,581 1,635	1,577 1,644	1,567 1,651	1,564 1,655	1,561 1,665	1,552 1,670	1,549 1,664	1,548	1,578
58. BANK DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS (b) £ mill.	563	593	637	747	804	1960-61 1961-62	835 820	805 730	797 789	832 833	846 816	857 881	721 748	769 856	796 834	757 830	815	782
59. DEPOSITS, MAJOR TRADING BANKS £ mill.	1,513	1,596	1,603	1,708	1,729	1960-61 1961-62	1,706 1,701	1,702 1,711	1,696 1,728	1,719 1,766	1,731 1,790	1,728 1,824	1,730 1,857	1,760 1,887	1,771 1,895	1,758 1,883	1,722	1,715
60. ADVANCES, MAJOR TRADING BANKS £ mill.	869	882	930	952	1,050	1960-61 1961-62	1,060 1,035	1,066 1,015	1,078 1,001	1,092 1,007	1,090 999	1,080 992	1,059 977	1,030 965	1,012 972	1,017 1,009	1,010	1,020
61. COMMONWEALTH BOND YIELD, SHORT DATED per cent.	4.71	4.38	4.16	4.01	5.06	1960-61 1961-62	4.26 4.93	4.29 4.60	4.30 4.59	4.31 4.46	5.35 4.38	5.60 4.36	5.50 4.35	5.49 4.39	5.46 4.39	5.46 4.38	5.43	5.23
62. COMMONWEALTH BOND YIELD, LONG DATED per cent.	5.06	4.99	4.94	4.91	5.21	1960-61 1961-62	4.97 5.34	4.96 5.35	4.97 5.33	4.97 5.13	5.19 4.99	5.30 4.98	5.34 4.94	5.38 4.94	5.35 4.95	5.36 4.93	5.36	5.36
63. SHARE PRICE INDEX, SYDNEY (c)	1,707	1,836	1,966	2,718	2,787	1960-61 1961-62	3,029 2,799	3,056 2,782	3,086 2,809	2,951 2,829	2,697 2,857	2,582 2,857	2,615 2,969	2,656 3,122	2,631 3,113	2,665 3,072	2,682	2,794
64. LISTED COMPANIES, NEW MONEY RAISED £ mill.	94.7	113.5	188.2	242.2	217.0	1960-61 1961-62	32.7 53.1			77.4 41.8			27.9			29.0		
65. SHORT-TERM DEBT, COMMONWEALTH AND STATE (d) £ mill.	150	140	171	201	186	1960-61 1961-62	195 181	222 208	254 263	304 310	324 340	350 363	367 354	361 306	330 305	249 226	200	186
66. TAXATION REVENUE, COMMONWEALTH AND STATE Consolidated Revenue Funds £ mill.	1,180	1,250	1,225	1,360	1,543	1960-61 1961-62	91.1 93.8	86.0 81.7	77.8 78.2	91.0 90.6	97.7 93.5	110.0 106.6	104.5 108.1	119.3 139.8	138.1 147.7	203.9 213.9	187.2	236.3

(a) See notes, page 10. (b) Excludes debits to Australian Government accounts at City Branches. (c) Average, three years ended June, 1939 = 1000. (d) Redeemable in Australia. At end of period. * Preliminary. † Revised.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

For further details of these items see publications listed on page 11.

Item	Publication Reference No. (Page 11).	Item	Publication Reference No. (Page 11).
1.	19	33-38. Consumer Price Index :—New index first published 12th August, 1960. For particulars of composition and weighting see Statistical Bulletin, 891.	5
2. Total generated, including electricity not for sale	19	39-43. Figures relate to retail sales of goods (as distinct from service repairs, accommodation, entertainment, meals, etc.) by establishments which normally sell goods by retail to the general public from shops, rooms, kiosks and yards. Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.	8
3. Total produced in gas works	19	44-45. Registrations passed through central registration authorities. Includes all government-owned vehicles other than Defence Services.	26, 27
4. Includes recovery from scrap. Annual figures year ended May.	19	46. Excludes tractors of less than 10 maximum belt pulley horsepower (wheeled) and 10 maximum draw-bar horsepower (crawler) e.g. small garden tractors.	7
5. Portland cement.	19, 25	47. Figures relate to balances outstanding (including hiring charges and insurance) at end of period in respect of retail sales made by finance businesses which are not themselves retailers. Amounts financed — new agreements made exclude hiring charges and insurance.	28
6. Includes monoconstruction but excludes assembled chassis imported as such.	19, 21	48. Building permits issued by local government authorities and contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorized by government authorities. Number of houses and flats relate to individual living units.	11
7. Includes those made and incorporated by manufacturers in their own products.	19, 20	51. Contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorized by government authorities for their own use, the use of their employees, rental or sale.	11
8. Includes mixtures predominantly of cotton.	19, 22	52. Estimated value of buildings on completion, excluding land.	3
9. Includes mixtures predominantly of wool.	19, 23	53. Excludes conversions to flats.	3, 4
10. Includes sandals and moulded plastic footwear but not slippers, sand shoes, goloshes or rubber gum boots.	19, 24	54. See 52 above.	3
11. In terms of fresh meat (carcass weight). Total production including estimates for meat produced from animals slaughtered on farms.	15	55-56. Statistics are from returns showing actual expenditure for previous half-year and anticipated expenditure for next half-year, obtained from private businesses subject to Pay-roll Tax (other than rural, professional, gas and electricity), from government banks and airlines, and from other businesses undertaking projects of more than £250,000 in any half year. Figures with slightly different coverage are available for years 1953-54 to 1956-57 inclusive.	2
12.	12	57. Deposits at end of period — all savings banks.	29, 30
13. Source : National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. Bales received into selling brokers' stores for disposal, excluding quantities received for re-sale.	-	58. Monthly averages of weekly figures. Debits to government accounts at city branches are excluded. Figures relate to all cheque-paying banks, the Commonwealth Development Bank and the Rural Credits Department of the Reserve Bank.	9
14. The value of wool sold at auction and privately by wool selling brokers, including wool carried over and sold and also wool resold.	-	59-60. Monthly and annual averages of weekly figures of the Major Trading Banks, (the Commonwealth Trading Bank and the seven private trading banks).	9, 10
15. Average price which a N.S.W. clip of constant average quality would realize if sold at the level of prices obtaining in the specified month. Annual prices are averages of monthly prices weighted by quantity of grease wool sold in month in N.S.W. They are not therefore average auction prices for the year.	17	61-62. Theoretical 2 year and theoretical 15 year securities. Average for the week is centred on the last Wednesday of the month. Income subject to Commonwealth Taxation less rebate of 2/- in the pound. Figures relate to last Wednesday in the month. Source: Reserve Bank.	16
16-17. Excludes bullion and specie. F.o.b. port of shipment.	18	63. Average of monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital, 75 companies, adjusted for changes in capital structure. As published by Deputy Commonwealth Statistician, Sydney.	16, 17
18. The index is calculated by revaluing quantities at the average unit values for the year 1955-56.	1	64. Companies listed on Australian stock exchanges. New money raised is the net amount of cash transferred from the investing public to the issuing companies through the issue of shares, debentures, notes and similar securities and the acceptance of deposits. The investing public includes banks and life insurance companies (except when subscribing to issues by associated companies) and government and private superannuation funds, but excludes other government agencies.	6
19-20.	14	65. Excludes overdrafts and internal Treasury Bills. All figures at end of period.	16
21. Net Gold and Foreign Exchange Holdings (Official and Banking Institutions). Source: Reserve Bank. Annual and December figures as at end of period, other figures last Wednesday of month.	-	66. Excludes taxation collections paid direct to Trust Fund, e.g. motor taxes.	-
22,24-26. Excludes permanent defence forces in Australia or overseas and National Service Trainees in camp. Based on annual Factory Censuses, returns of Government employment, Pay-roll Tax returns and other direct collections.	13		
23. Includes all government employees in Australia (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) employed on services such as railways, post office, etc., as well as administrative employees.	13		
27. Figures for periods to June, 1961 are based on the results of annual Censuses of Factories. From July, 1961 the figures are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns and returns of Government employment.	13		
28. Survey conducted jointly with Department of Labour and National Service.	13		
29. See 22 above.	13		
30. Excludes persons receiving sickness benefit and persons receiving the special benefits paid to migrants in reception and training centres.	13		
31. Male units represent total male employment and a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings.	13		
32. Based on averages of minimum wage rates for a full week's work (excluding overtime) obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The base of each index number is the weighted average minimum weekly wage for Australia	13,31,32		

PUBLICATIONS FOR FURTHER REFERENCE

(Other than annual publications of the Bureau of Census and Statistics)

Reference
No.

1. Australian Balance of Payments	half-yearly
2. Capital and Maintenance Expenditure by Private Businesses in Australia	" "
3. Building Statistics, Bulletin of	quarterly
4. Building Statistics, Number of Houses and Flats (Preliminary Estimates)	"
5. Consumer Price Index	"
6. New Capital Raisings by Companies in Australia	"
7. New Tractors : Receipts, Sales and Stocks	"
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